

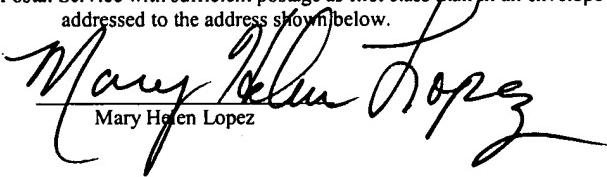


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Mary Helen LopezRESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2004. A restriction requirement has been imposed on this case.

Election

Applicant hereby elects Invention I and species C (Fig. 3 - pipe 320) and b (plastic ties for attaching) in the present application with claims 1-15, 20, 21, and 27-29 drawn to a tree feeder, classified in class 47, subclass 48.5 without traverse.

The following claims, as they are directed to the other invention and species, are cancelled from the application:

Claims 16-19, 22-26, and 30-56.

**Conclusion**

Applicant has now fully responded to the restriction requirement by electing Invention I and species C and b, and canceling the other non-elected claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1215. Please show our reference number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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